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## New Comment Submission

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A new comment has been submitted at [socotransmission.com](http://socotransmission.com).

### COMMENT

#### Meeting Attended:

I was not able to attend a meeting

#### Important Issues:

Land Use (Agriculture, Residential, Recreation), Radio or Television Interference, Noise, Health and Safety, Biological Resources, Visual / Aesthetic Resources, Proximity to Residences

#### Property Uses:

Agriculture, Residential

#### Comment:

I was deeply disturbed when I learned of the Southern Colorado Transmission Improvement Project that would be dissecting the land that my family has cherished for 27 years. As a co-owner of Lots 15, 16, and 18 in La Veta Acres (Sheet Map 4), I have spent a great deal of time and money on improvements to the land. I have also watched my daughters grow up vacationing there and was greatly looking forward to seeing my grandchildren grow up there as well. Additionally, my brother, sister, and I all had planned to build retirement homes there. I cannot express to you the importance that this property has played in our family and of the memories that we have there. The thought of the property being decimated by this project is absolutely devastating.

This plot of land is home to various forms of wildlife and plant life and also serves agricultural purposes. We were never asked for a survey to be conducted on our property so presumably one never was. However, if a survey had been conducted you would have seen cattle grazing, humming birds flying around, ground squirrels, bears, turkeys, and so many other animals. The foliage is thick, lush, and green and the aspen and spruce trees are abundant. This piece of property is not as desolate as the pictures on your web site showing where the corridor will run would have people believe. In fact, I find those pictures to be very misleading.

There are many factors indicating that due diligence was not done in the planning of this project. In addition to the fact that our family was never asked for permission for a survey of our land to be conducted, the maps located on your web site are very misleading as well. I know for a fact that we have two existing structures on our land that are not indicated on the map. There are also existing structures on Lot 14 that are not indicated on the map. I am sure there are many other structures in the area that are not indicated. I also find it very disturbing that you indicate that both in person and aerial surveys of the land were conducted when they obviously were not. Either type of survey would have informed you of the existence of these referenced structures. Further, the fact that no existing structures are shown on lots 14 or 18 indicates that the plat used for Sheet Map 4 must be at least 20 years old. It would be impossible for one to make an educated decision on the best route for this project with such out of date information.

As stated above, I simply cannot put into words the devastation that the news of this project has brought to my entire family as well as all of the friends who have enjoyed the property with us over

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### I-269-001: Visual and Aesthetic (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to visual and aesthetic resources from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

### I-269-002: Correction to Data (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. The information you provided will be verified and project materials will be updated accordingly.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

### I-269-003: NEPA Process (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. has requested financial assistance from the USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS), for their anticipated ownership interest in the proposed San Luis Valley – Calumet - Comanche Transmission Project. RUS has determined that funding Tri-State's ownership interest is a federal action requiring analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

RUS is the lead federal agency for NEPA, and will consult with other federal, state, and local agencies, and affiliated tribes as well as adhere to applicable regulations.

Additional information regarding the NEPA process can be found on the RUS project website at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/enviro.htm>.

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the years.

My family will fight in any and every way, legal and otherwise, to ensure that the right course of action is taken in this matter. We do not take this issue lightly.

Sincerely,

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Co-owner Lots 15, 16, and 18  
La Veta Acres

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